

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on this invention entitled:

NICKEL-BASE ALLOY

the application of which

_____ is attached hereto

OR

 X was filed on July 30, 2002, as United States Application Number 10/064,607.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.50.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 (a)-(d) or §365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365 (a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Priority
Claimed ?

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| _____ (Number) | _____ (Country) | _____ (Day/month/year filed) | <u> Y </u> | <u> N </u> |
| _____ (Number) | _____ (Country) | _____ (Day/month/year filed) | <u> Y </u> | <u> N </u> |

_____ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ (Application Number) | _____ (Filing Date) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|

_____ Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States Application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby appoint the registered practitioners associated with Customer Number 30952 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Address all telephone calls to Gary M. Hartman at telephone number 219-462-4999.

Address all correspondence to the correspondence address for Customer Number 30952.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all states made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

Full Name: John Herbert Wood
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Signature: John Herbert Wood Date: Aug. 12, 2002

Residence: St. Johnsonville, NY Citizenship: United States
City and State

Post Office Address: 170 Smolik Road

SECOND JOINT INVENTOR:

Full Name: Gangjigang Feng
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Signature: Gangjigang Feng Date: 8/23/2002

Residence: Greenville, SC Citizenship: United States
City and State

Post Office Address: 19 Breckenridge Court

THIRD JOINT INVENTOR:

Full Name: Cyril Gerard Beck
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Signature: Cyril Gerard Beck Date: SEPT 9, 2002

Residence: Greenville, SC Citizenship: United States
City and State

Post Office Address: 200 Belmont Stakes Way